



Frequently Filled Occupations

Environmental Scientist

Biologist

Environmental Engineer

Chemical Engineer

Environmental Protection Specialist

Economist

Statistician

Computer Scientist

Policy Analyst

Program Analyst

Attorney

Visit www.epa.gov/ow/careers for:

- More EPA career types, and their associated OPM series codes.
- Specific qualifications standards, such as degree requirements.



Reach for more. At the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), there are opportunities for everyone to participate in the important work of safeguarding the environment. From the student intern to the senior executive — your individual skills and knowledge can lead you in new career directions. And you'll be rewarded with solid benefits that equal the dedication you put into your work. Find your career balance at www.epa.gov/careers. U.S. EPA is an equal opportunity employer.



U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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- If you are interested in helping us protect our nation's waters for this generation and generations to come.
- For more information on how to apply for an EPA job.
- To find a thorough explanation of many government hiring processes and terms.

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EPA OFFICE OF WATER

Careers That Make a Difference



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Who Are We?

EPA's Office of Water employs a diverse group of professionals in a variety of career disciplines. We restore, protect, and preserve the nation's waters as:

- * Healthy, sustainable ecological systems.
- * Recreational resources.
- * Sources of food and drinking water.

What Do We Do?

- * Protect over 3 million miles of rivers and streams; over 40 million acres of lakes; over 87,000 square miles of estuaries; 95,000 miles of coastal waters; and marine waters.
- * Develop national programs, policies, and regulations relating to drinking water, water quality, groundwater, and water security.
- * Develop criteria and standards for evaluating water quality.
- * Lead, support, and evaluate regional, state and tribal water activities.
- * Provide technical assistance and technology transfer programs.
- * Offer training in water quality, economic, and long-term environmental analysis.



The Office of Water is a great place to work and build a career!

The work is:

- **Satisfying:** employees know their contributions make a difference in public health and environmental protection, and directly support EPA's mission.
- **Friendly:** employees are energetic, collegial, and enthusiastic about working here.
- **Involved:** employees can participate in the greater community through public meetings, interactions with interested individuals and groups, and community involvement programs.
- **Challenging:** motivated employees enjoy a supportive atmosphere for career advancement with training and professional development, especially through the Water Careers Program.
- **Flexible:** employees have a variety of work-place options, including **compressed work week**, an alternative to the 8-hour day schedule; **flexi-place**, the opportunity to tele-commute from home or from local office space; and **part-time schedules**, for students, parents, or others interested in a greater work-life balance.

I am especially proud of the dedication and caliber of the Office of Water's employees. They have a commitment to innovative and collaborative approaches that advance the goals of clean and safe water, as well as healthy communities and ecosystems. Without the high level of professionalism I witness daily, we would be unable to protect, restore and conserve our Nation's waters and wetlands.

- Benjamin H. Grumbles
Assistant Administrator for the Office of Water

What's a typical day like?

The Office of Water is a highly interactive environment, where you can expect to work on a variety of challenging environmental projects. You are likely to spend your time working on teams consisting of colleagues with diverse expertise as well as working independently. You will also work with committed colleagues from other parts of EPA and stakeholders.

What is my salary likely to be?

EPA career employees are part of the General Schedule, and the GS level for new employees is determined by a combination of your education and experience. See the "Links for Career Opportunities" section of our web site for more information: www.epa.gov/ow/careers

What kinds of benefits can I expect?

EPA offers a comprehensive benefit package, including a selection of fee-for-service and HMO health benefits; Federal Employee's Group Life Insurance; sick and annual leave; ten paid holidays a year; a comprehensive retirement package; transportation subsidies; and fitness and recreational facilities. Visit the web page: www.epa.gov/ow/careers

How do I find a job in the Office of Water?

Visit our web page www.epa.gov/ow/careers to find general information, browse vacancies, and apply for jobs. The site has answers to frequently asked questions, and a how-to and tips for completing the application process.